

Letter No 4.

Home - Sunday eve July 13/79.

Our blessing - So you are in London to-day! We have many times expressed a wish to be there with you. I presume you are asleep by this time - or at least I hope you are for it must be about half past eleven or there where you are. You can scarcely imagine how relieved & thankful we feel now that you are on land because we know that if anything serious befel you Charlotte would telegraph to us. but when you were on the ocean I knew that there was no possible way of hearing from you. We watched every department of the shipping news during your passage & I became quite an adept in deciphering "marine intelligence". Is Mr Bartlett's prophecy that you would have but a few minutes time just before going to sleep at night in which to think of home proving true? I don't quite believe it! Of course we cannot be so continually in your thoughts as you are in ours because of so much in various ways to distract your attention - but I do believe that when you see anything especially nice you wish mama & papa were with you. And so do we! - ~~Mr. I~~ ^{you} your last letter. In the PM I took Mrs Hilley down to the hospital to "Maggie's" funeral. Mr Morris (Methodist) conducted the service & reminded me of Elder Harvey only did much better. There was a very great abundance of lovely flowers carried by Mrs Blood. Mrs Dunlap Mrs Kiddle, ^{Mrs Barney} Mrs Dea Daniels & others - Mrs Hilley had never been down before & was very glad to go. She wished me to tell you she went down with me & asked for you - and wished me to send you her love when I write. While I was down there Frank brought Mary Wallace & Nellie up - I was very sorry to have been away - & have not seen them since. In the eve I went in to Judge Smith's - saw no one but Mr & Mrs Smith - had a pleasant call of course - Mrs S said that Mrs Dr Brown had a box of statuary &c just arrive week before last

They even articles bought abroad & I suppose they came by sailing vessel - I shall go down soon & see them and will report - She said there was one very lovely thing made from various marbles - some of them quite precious & all of them beautiful - which she picked up at the different ruins or gave the guide a few cents to look them up for her & then had them polished & fixed up at Naples - I think you will do something of that kind and have you collected any flowers? - We were looking over the list of duties on different articles to day & find that "pictures painted by American Artists" are "free" - so papa thinks you can bring home whatever you paint without trouble - Saturday evening I went over to Judge Eastman's a little while - They go to Old Orchard next Thursday morning & intend to remain till September - She is sorry to go without hearing whether you were seasick or not but we don't look for a letter till next Friday - While I was pulling their door bell Clarence rode up & asked Laura Wilson if she would like to ride & she started off with him - O I lost my thimble three days ago & had just made up my mind to - I expect you to come home & find it for me when it made its appearance so you can stay away a while longer - It is 9 o'clock & I have not said a word about to-day yet but papa wants to - I am tired so I will kiss my baby "good night" wish her sweet dreams & Gods blessing - and go to rest -

Monday evening - I don't write quite so straight or well in the evening as by daylight so will not talk with you very long - Does it make you dizzy to read such writing? - Papa has been to Plymouth to-day & now we are sitting in the front room - he reading the paper & I scratching a paper - I wish you could look in upon the room just now the flowers are so lovely & fragrant - We went to church yesterday A.M. & in the P.M. papa & I went to ride - got as many raspberries as we wanted to eat also a few blueberries & strawberries - best of all I found some of the loveliest wild flowers imaginable - I found one ^{long} spike of deep rich

lavender flowers & it seemed to me more
lovely than any flower I ever saw - If I can
press one of the blossoms well, send it to you -
also found some rare & exceedingly sweet
white flowers & some exquisite vines something
like strawberries - One of our glass vases is on
the mantle filled with those beautiful wild
flowers & vines - a bottle concealed behind Flora
on the marble bracket keeps a profusion of the
delicate vines fresh about them - On the little
table in the corner is sweet alyssum, mignonette
verbenas & bouquet plant - On the large table is
one glass vase with pink lily - verbenas - geranium
leaves - white wild flowers & these vines - & on the
other end of the table is the silver vase with
a red geranium - heliotrope - alyssum - mignonette
& bouquet plant - nothing is crowded & the effect
is very beautiful - Wish some one had come in to
admire them but "no matter" I have enjoyed it -
The plants are doing finely - blossoming freely so
I can keep the rooms lovely & fragrant all
the time - Flora's sister Emma folk - on her
sick today & stay ^{at the} ^{with} her mother - shall try to let
her go next Monday P.M. - I have been working
just a little easy on my dress today - I guess I
shall conquer it if you only give me time -
Papa says "tell her that I have thought of her a
great many times today & spoken of her many
times too to persons who have enquired for her"
People generally take a great deal of pains to ask
for our darling so we can't possibly forget you -
Perhaps we can manage to begt bye after they get
over enquiring - Tuesday early P.M. - Papa has
just gone to the bank & I will "give an account of
myself" to you - This morning I carried books
down to the bank - and at 9 o'clock went over
for Mrs. Low Smyth and we made a visit at
the Hospital - on our way back called on
Frank Drake's door & learned that Mr. Colburn
is in town and if he and Nellie go to
Springfield this P.M. Mary Wallace will go

home to night - will stay till Nellie goes - &
remain away till she returns home again
which will not probably be for 4 or 5 weeks.
After carrying Mrs Smyth home I rode down
and made Emma a sidewalk call - that
is - She - Nora & Retie hung on her fences & I sat
in the carriage - I will proceed to unfold the
budget of news then & there collected -
Mabel Edgerly has been to Pittsfield two
weeks boarding at Frank Berry's - got home
last night - said Nat Tuttle called on her -

Mr Waite wanted Emma to write you
that the young lady to whom he was going
to give you a letter & is on her way home
from Paris - Mr Tarbell and Miss Livermore
with Charlie Meanes & Lou Weber were down to
the pond boating till past 11 o'clock one evening
not long since - Emma supposes that
Maurice Clark came last evening as he
was expected - That is all - Then I
home to dinner -

I mixed my dinner in
with a kind little letter - May Drake
and they went well together - strange & say!
May was very anxious about you - had
watched the papers but saw nothing
concerning your vessel and could bear it
no longer so wrote to see if I knew any
thing of you - Said she dreamed of you
all night last night - dreamed you were
having a good time but were homesick -
and isn't it an odd coincidence that
I should dream the same & have not
done so before since you left! In my
dream none of you three seemed to
be happy and Charlotte had about decided
to give up accompanying the Tourjee party
& ^{return} home - Miss Stillwell seemed to
have the best courage of all but even
she was homesick - Nat is still in Concord
and Mr White says he wants him all summer -

I have been thinking it will be a good plan for us
to number our letters so we can each know if any
are lost. - It is so long before we can get replies to
them that I think it advisable - I sent you a
postal card the Monday after you sailed. - Emma
& I both sent letters to go in steamer sailing the
5th inst & I sent one to go in steamer to sail
the 12th inst so this is my fourth letter to you -
Papa thinks that you will be glad to get a
letter from us oftener than once a week so I
shall send this to-morrow I guess - We are
having very hot weather this week - but the
papers said you had unusually cold weather
soon before - And it - you suffer? But I shall
begin to look for a letter - On our way to
the hospital this morning I received a touch
of the hat from Will Smith who was just
coming out of Nellie Young's - Did I tell you
that when he was in here he told me he
shall not be married till he is 30 years old -
means to study and fit himself for a literary
life - didn't quite understand whether he meant
to become a writer or a Prof in some College -
Will saw awhile now and then come to my
precious one again - To 10th PM - I have
nothing of importance to say to you - but
I want you - I want you just this minute!
Why did I ever let you go so far from me!
I should think you have been away more than
one year already - Why do you stay so long
darling? Mama wants her - It is so lonely
without you - If I could only know that all is
well with you - that you are well, happy &
improving to recompense me for my sacrifice
hard for me - I have been sewing on my
dress this PM and made very fair progress -
It is almost too warm to ensure much speed -
Do you see the American papers? If so you
know that they have been having fearful
storms and winds out West - doing much
damage to life & property - also that Bioggel
is hung in spite of the attempts of his
friends to procure a new trial or a
commutation of his sentence - I am glad

that the sentence was carried into execution
for I believe him guilty and deserving
of his fate - There was nothing of interest
in this evenings Manchester paper but I
send you an important (?) extract from
last weeks papers - The road is full of passions
by and I am alone in the midst of it - It
reminds me of "water, water everywhere" -
Papa has gone down to Bedford - started a
little while ago so will not probably be
home very early - He is quite bilious just
now I think he will be better soon -

As Mrs Smyth & I went down to the Hospital
this morning we rode into the cemetery to
see Major Wachenfeldts monument - It
was carved in Italy and there is nothing
in Manchester which compares with it -
There is a high & very elegant pedestal of
granite and then comes the marble - just
as beautiful as one could ask for - It
represents a female figure clinging to
a cross - every detail is exquisite -

It is too dark to write longer -
Wednesday morning July 16 - So you leave London
to-day for Rotterdam - For your comfort I would
wish it were not so hot with you as it is
with us - Mrs Smyth said yesterday
that the Gov had gone to Boston to see
if his marbles (their busts) are all right
& get them through the Custom House -
said they will have to be mounted on
pedestals so it will probably be several
weeks before they can be completed
and reach Manchester -

Mrs L B Clough & family leave for
Canterbury to-day - Mrs Dole (who was
dangerously sick when you went
away) is just recovering - Take every
special care of your health every way -
my darling - and do not overtax your

strength - Don't forget us but be as
happy as you can - do good on every
opportunity and learn all you can -
How I wish I might see you - would
even submit to one of your hugs without
a murmur - so you see I am very
hungry for you -

My dear Dot - How do you
manage not to leave Father's side
to sit in - we miss you very much
I want you to go to ride with me
The weather is very hot here
Lots of kisses from one
that loves his Dot -

Mother Daughters Letter